

Link Brown  
Director-  
Federal Regulatory

SBC Communications Inc.  
1401 I Street, N.W.  
Suite 1100  
Washington, D.C. 20005  
Phone 202 326-8890



August 22, 1997

EX PARTE OR LATE FILED

RECEIVED

AUG 22 1997

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

**NOTICE OF EX PARTE PRESENTATION**

Mr. William F. Caton  
Acting Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M St., NW, Room 222  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Docket No. 96-98

Dear Mr. Caton:

Yesterday, Peggy Garber, Bill Adair, Bill Hite, and the undersigned representing SBC/Pacific Bell met via conference call with Geraldine Matise, Gregory Cooke, Renee Alexander, and Erin Duffy representing the Common Carrier Bureau's Network Services Division. The meeting was at the request of the Network Services Division regarding NNX code assignment and activation. Specifically, the Network Services Division had requested answers to three questions. The questions and the SBC/Pacific Bell responses are contained in the attachments to this letter.

Please include this letter in the record of these proceedings in accordance with Section 1.1206(a)(1) of the Commission's Rules.

Acknowledgment and date of receipt of this transmittal are requested. A duplicate transmittal letter is attached concerning this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Link Brown", is located below the "Respectfully submitted," line.

CC: Geraldine Matise  
Gregory Cooke  
Renee Alexander  
Erin Duffy

No. of Copies rec'd 071  
UNLABELED

## **Code Assignment Definitions**

### **Assignment of CO codes:**

CO code assignment is the allocation of geographic NPA/NXX Central Office codes to carriers with authority to provide local exchange service ("code holders"). Each code will be used at a Switching Entity or Point of Interconnection the carrier owns or controls. CO Codes are assigned in accordance with the industry consensus Central Office (CO) Code Assignment Guidelines, published by the Industry Numbering Committee (INC).

CO code assignment can only be done by the designated Code Administrator for a specific area (currently performed by PB and SWB in their respective areas).

### **Responsible Party:**

CO Code Administrator

### **Fees to carriers:**

None

## Code Assignment Definitions (cont)

### Activation of CO codes:

Code activation is the “effective date” established by the new code holder on which calls are to be dialable to the new CO code that was assigned to them by the Code Administrator. Before a CO code (NXX) can become active, all code holders are responsible for providing the information shown in Part 2 of the code (NXX) Assignment Request Form for entry into the routing and rating databases. *(The code holder may choose to have any enterprising 3rd party enter the data into the databases.)*

Per the Guidelines, code holders (“applicants”) should request “effective dates” at least 66 calendar days after the code request. Also, interconnection agreements, arrangements and facilities need to be in place prior to code activation.

An NXX has within it 10,000 combinations of 7 digit numbers. The code holder is responsible for assigning these telephone numbers to its end-users (“number assignment”).

### Responsible Party:

Code Holder

### Fees to carriers:

None (other than those imposed by any authorized 3rd party for data entry).\*

\*SWBT, when acting as the enterprising 3rd party, charges \$110 per code for data entry

## Code Assignment Definitions (cont)

### CO code opening:

Code opening is the process each affected carrier must complete so that they are capable of carrying calls destined to the new CO code. The fundamental source for routing information is Bellcore's Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG). For rating, the source is Bellcore's Terminating Point Master (TPM). Both of these documents are outputs of the databases populated by the code holder or their authorized agent at the time they submit the "effective" (activation) date.

Functions that carriers must perform include:

- Collect and publish data
- Prepare switch translations (for technical "reprogramming")
- Load translations in end office and tandem switches to recognize the new code
- Promulgate data in affected operational support systems, i.e.,:
  - Operator services
  - Billing (call rating and customer billing)
  - E911
  - White pages
  - etc.
- Test systems to assure continuity

### Responsible Party:

All affected carriers

### Fees to carriers:

None